



# COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13

"WHERE PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY"



## CLB-13 FAMILY READINESS NEWSLETTER

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### Marines are always seeking different ways to train to improve their skills in combat....

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, headed to Las Pulgas, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and stepped into a virtual battlefield using the brand-new, video game like Combat Convoy Simulator, Jan. 19. As a way to reduce casualties during combat logistics patrols, Lockheed Martin developed the Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer (later known as CCS) to train service members on how to respond to attacks during combat logistics patrols in Iraq and Afghanistan. The CCS allows Marines to practice their missions and simulate different types of engagements, such as receiving small-arms fire, running into an ambush or even responding to contact from the air. The simulator allows Marines to prepare for the worst while providing basic to advanced convoy skills. "Between going out to the field and training with the simulator, I don't think you can really compare the two as they both have different advantages," said Pfc. Cheam M. Moua, motor transport operator with CLB-13, CLR-17, 1st MLG. "Out in the field, we get the feel of how things go as we're doing the training. With the simulator, you get to exercise what you've learned." "Doing this simulation training is not a waste of time," said Santiago, 24, from New Haven, Conn. "It allows us to make the mistakes here in a controlled environment, as opposed to in real life where mistakes can get us killed. We were able to go back and view exactly what we did instead of relying on our memory. It helps us get a true understanding of what we need to work on."

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### Marines step into virtual battlefield...



*Cpl. Hans R. Jean-Baptiste, 22, from Haiti, motor transport operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, listens to the radio for any report of suspicious activities during a combat logistics patrol as part of a training exercise using the Combat Convoy Simulator at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 19. The CCS was designed to train Marines how to respond to attacks during combat logistics patrols in Iraq and Afghanistan.*



## COMMENTS FROM THE COMMAND DECK



### From the Commanding Officer, LtCol Jay Wylie



Family and friends of Combat Logistics Battalion 13:

If you're new to the family- Welcome Aboard! If you're an old hand- Thanks for your Service! And if you're a friend of the Battalion or a family member- Thanks for your Support!

In the last few weeks our numbers have swollen- we are almost at our deployment strength of three hundred Marine and Sailors. The challenge now is to keep high family readiness and morale as we ramp-up our training. As I write this, we are in the midst of exercise IRON FIST (an amphibious exercise with the Japanese aboard Camp Pendleton) and our Marines and Sailors are performing well.

In a few weeks we're sending most of the Battalion to Hawthorne, Nevada to conduct live fire and maneuver training, and other training that is not really possible at Camp Pendleton

due to environmental and other restrictions. A few weeks after that, the Battalion is deploying to 29 Palms, California for Enhanced Mojave Viper (EMV)- some of the finest pre-deployment training that a unit can get. We are very fortunate to get this training and represent the first Marine Expeditionary Unit Combat Logistics Battalion (MEU CLB) to do so in recent history, perhaps ever. The portion of the Battalion that does not go to EMV (because the training objectives do not meet training requirements) will be going to conduct a maritime prepositioning ship offload in another country.

We have a robust and demanding training plan, designed to optimize our training time, while balancing family, spiritual, and free time. We look forward to your feedback and ideas to balance training and hope you will provide comment on (or attend) our Barracks Bash and Sweetheart dinner this month, and other family events in the future. I look forward to meeting or hearing from each of you soon!

Semper Fidelis  
Jay D Wylie  
Lieutenant Colonel  
United States Marine Corps

### Sergeant Major Sounds Off..., 1stSgt Dennis Collins



Marines, Sailors and family members of CLB-13. Thank you for your support and dedication over the last month, I know it has been very busy as your Marines and Sailors work tirelessly to support "Iron Fist", a multi-national exercise with the Japanese Ground Self Defense force. During this exercise they have completed a variety of missions and with each new task we continue to grow as a Battalion. I am very proud of

how patient and professional all of our warriors have been. Once again we have shown why so many people consider us "No better friend".

". As we wrap up this exercise, we look forward to catching our breath as we enjoy some time with our significant other at the Battalion sweetheart dinner. We will also take some time to have a barracks bash for all of our warriors in the barracks. At the barracks bash we will enjoy some barbecue food, rock climbing and a couple of movies. Shortly after we will begin our training at Hawthorne, Nevada and 29 Palms where we will enhance our basic combat skills and show why many also consider us "No worse enemy". Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Semper Fidelis  
D.J. Collins  
1st SGT USMC

## FROM THE FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

"Family readiness is defined as families who are prepared and equipped with the skills and tools to successfully meet the challenges of the military lifestyle. Family readiness directly affects the fundamental purpose of the Marine Corps to make Marines and win battles by building commitment and raising morale, thereby increasing unit readiness."

A FRO also offers support to lessen the impact of deployment on the military family. Much of this support comes in the form of directing families to organizations and services in a time of need.

Through a network of military and civilian service providers, the FRO ensures the entire range of a family's needs are being met — particularly the families of deployed Marines.

Semper Fidelis

*Maurice L. Anderson*

CLB-13 Family Readiness Officer

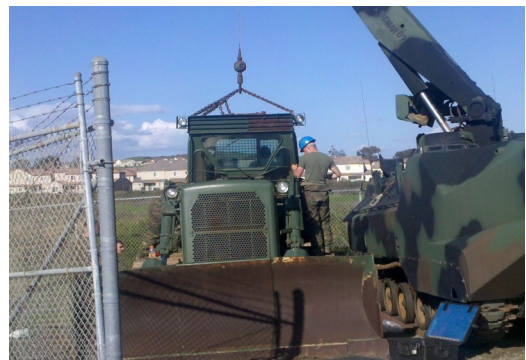
Email: [maurice.anderson@usmc.mil](mailto:maurice.anderson@usmc.mil)

Family Readiness website: [www.imef.usmc.mil/mlg/clr17/clb-13/familyreadiness/default.asp](http://www.imef.usmc.mil/mlg/clr17/clb-13/familyreadiness/default.asp)

Work : 760 763-0486 Cell: 760 468-7618 Fax: 760 763-1777

## Maintenance Detachment.....

Maintenance Detachment helps themselves fix the Battalions one and only D-7 Dozer. To fix the D-7, the Heavy Equipment Mechanics had to remove the cab of the D-7 in order to expose the under side in order to fix the leak that caused this D-7 to go down. With the help of the R-7 (Amphibious Assault Recovery Vehicle) the Maintenance Marines were able to complete the mission and get the D-7 back to an operational status for the upcoming training schedule. Maintenance Marines involved were; LCpl Garcia, LCpl Watkins, Cpl Hurtado and Cpl Ramosestarda, operating the R-7 was Sgt Vigarino.



## **FAMILY READINESS INFORMATION**



### **Military Outreach Ministry is Sponsoring a OneSight® Clinic from May 24-28, 2010**

**OneSight will be providing free prescription glasses to military dependent children**

**Requirements:**

- Recipients must be a military dependent child
- Recipients must have a valid eye prescription (not expired by the date of the clinic)

**Registration:**

- Registration opens March 1, 2010 and closes April 30, 2010
- The clinic is open to the first 1,000 registrants
- Recipients will not be allowed to register without a valid eye prescription
- Registration information available March 1<sup>st</sup> at: [www.mom4usa.org](http://www.mom4usa.org)
- **Please schedule an appointment for your child with your eye doctor as soon as possible**





## FAMILY READINESS INFORMATION

### DID YOU KNOW ?

**"Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself"**

[www.mccsonesource.com](http://www.mccsonesource.com)



One of the greatest concerns parents have is their child's education. MCCS One Source can help you understand the issues you'll face from kindergarten through college, choose schools, and guide your child successfully through the school years.

MCCS One Source can provide:

- Online info such as GED preparation, study skills and test dates
- Online educational assistance such as selecting a tutor, choosing between private vs. public schools, and transition to Middle/High School
- One stop shopping for college selection, application and financial aid process

MCCS One Source is offering a new recording, *How to Help Your Child Succeed in School*, featuring education expert Barney Brawer, a former teacher and school principal, talking about:

- "The rules of the game" and the path to school success
- Math and science, reading, and writing milestones
- What to do when your child needs help
- How to be a partner with your child's school

The *How to Help Your Child Succeed in School* booklet offers advice on guiding and motivating your child, homework tips, study tips, handling school problems, communicating with teachers, and managing after-school time.

To order your free *How to Help Your Child Succeed in School* booklet or recording, go to [www.mccsonesource.com](http://www.mccsonesource.com) (userid: marines password: semperfi) and click on "This Month's Feature."

Or call\*

From the United States: 800-433-6868

From outside the United States (where available): 800-237-42374

- Call collect: 484-530-5908
- En español, llame al 888-732-9020
- For TTY/TTD call 800-346-9188

\*A real person will answer every time you call!



## **FAMILY READINESS INFORMATION**

### **NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

The "New Parent Support Program" is a professional team of nurses and social workers who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children under the age of six.

#### **BABY BOOT CAMP**

This class is a great way to learn everything you need to know to take care of your infant! Class includes everything from keeping baby safe, taking care of you as a parent, dealing with crying, bathing, and caring for a baby, and resources for families at Camp Pendleton.

#### **OUR FIRST FRIENDS...MOMMIE AND ME SUPPORT GROUP**

Bring your baby and meet with others for a morning of social support, sharing, and fun! This group is for mothers and their babies 12 months and under.

#### **PLAY MORNING**

This is a "funtastic" way to get out of the house with the kids and have a GREAT time! Simple crafts, songs, toys, and camaraderie geared for families with children age 5 and younger.

#### **PARENTING CLASSES**

Kids do not come with instruction manuals. This class discusses topics designed to make your life easier and help you raise healthy, cooperative children. Communication, discipline for the whole family, self-esteem, and much, much more!

#### **HOME VISITORS**

This service assists families during significant periods of their lives. Families are met in their home to provide a safe and familiar environment. Parents have the opportunity to discuss parenting topics such as nutrition, age-appropriate discipline, child development, and age-appropriate play.

**Please call (760) 725--3884 for more information.**

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**CLB 13 Family Readiness Officer (Mr. Maurice Anderson) ..... Office:(760)763-0486 Cell:: (760) 468-7618**  
**CLB-13 OOD ..... (760) 763-0485 / (760) 267-2096**

1st MLG Family Readiness Coordinator (Marianne Espinoza) ..... (760) 763-3208  
Animal Shelter ..... 725-8120  
American Red Cross, Bldg. H-100 (Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton) ..... 725-3303  
American Red Cross (TOLL FREE) ..... (800) 733-2767  
Base Chaplain ..... 725-4700  
Base Housing Office, Bldg. 1138 ..... 725-5995 / 5217  
Base Legal, Bldg. 22161 ..... 725-6172  
Consolidated Substance Abuse Counseling Center (CSACC) Main Office, Bldg. 16105 ..... 725-5538 / 725-5539  
Commissary (near main gate) ..... 430-1701  
Commissary (Seaside Square) ..... 725-7136 / 430-1701  
Community Support Branch Headquarters, Bldg. 13150 ..... 725-6638  
Counseling Services, Bldg. 1122 ..... 725-9051  
Debt Consolidation ..... 725-6098 / 6209  
DEERS (Dependent Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) located at JRC ..... 725-2442  
Devil Pups (Youth Program) ..... (805) 497-9810  
DMV (Oceanside) ..... (800) 777-0133  
ID Cards ..... 725-2442  
Information & Referral (best number for any questions about services on Camp Pendleton) ..... 725-3400 / (800) 253-1624  
JRC (Joint Reception Center) Vehicle Registration / Pass and ID, Bldg. 130132 ..... 725-2106  
Movie Theatre, Movie Listings at [www.MccsCP.com](http://www.MccsCP.com) ..... 725-9217  
Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton ..... 725-1288  
Naval Hospital Balboa (San Diego) ..... (619) 532-6400  
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Bldg. 1121 ..... 725-5337  
North County Transit District ..... (800) 266-6883  
Pacific Plaza Pharmacy ..... (866) 286-8249  
Post Office 11 Area ..... 725-5832  
PMO / Military Police (Desk Sergeant), Bldg. 1523 ..... 725-3888 / 763-2077  
Recreation Checkout, San Luis Rey, Bldg. 1713 ..... 725-5296 (Fax 725-8160)  
Relocation Office ..... 725-3802 / 5704  
Scout Newspaper, Bldg. 1160 ..... 725-9376  
Sea Breeze Shuttle ..... (866) 827-3393  
Thrift Store ..... 725-1800  
Ticket Offices (ITT), Mainside, Bldg. 1339 ..... 725-5864 (Fax 725-5834)  
Ticket Offices (ITT), Del Mar, Bldg. 210636 ..... 725-2218 (Fax 725-2250)  
TMO, Bldg. 2263 ..... 725-8177 / 8164  
Tricare ..... (888) 874-9378  
Veterans Administration, Bldg. 13150 ..... 385-0416  
VITA, (Tax Services) Bldg. 1687 ..... 763-2518  
YMCA, Bldg. 16144 ..... 385-4921  
RCT-1 OOD ..... 725-7002  
RCT-1 Chaplain ..... 725-7614  
Domestic Violence / Suicide Prevention ..... 725-4617

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **February Promotions**



**CPL Lull**

**LCpl Curry**

**LCpl Niles**

**LCpl Russell**



Congratulations to the Davis and Gador families on the arrival of our newest members of CLB-13 family:

**Nicholas Jaxon Davis**

**Mikaela Ysabelle Gador**

We are looking forward to seeing these two healthy babies in the near future!



**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS  
TO HELP  
SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES  
BECOME A FAMILY READINESS VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

Contact the FRO: [Maurice.anderson@usmc.mil](mailto:Maurice.anderson@usmc.mil) or call 760 763 0486



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**February -March 2010**

**Exercise Iron Fist : January 26—February 19th**

**Single Marine / Sailor Barracks Bash: February 18th**

**Tier 4 Personnel Check in: February 10th 2010**

**CLB-13 SWEET HEART DINNER FOR ALL COUPLES  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 5P.M. CHILD CARE PROVIDED, DOOR PRIZE GIVE A  
WAYS, MUSIC AND DANCING. SAN LUIS REY (MCFTB) BLDG. 1795 CAMP PENDLE-  
TON, CA 92055-5020.**

**Prep -X Hawthorn Nevada: 28th February—11th March**

**CLB-13 Mess Night: March 17th**

**Exercise Mojave Viper: March 26th—April 23**

**MILITARY SAVES 2010  
FINANCIAL SEMINARS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 4  
8-11 am  
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton  
Base Theater**

**CONTACT THE FAMILY READINESS OFFICER FOR MORE INFO**

# SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM



**WWW.MCCSCP.COM**

**CAMP PENDLETON**  
**SINGLE MARINE & SAILOR PROGRAM**  
**& RECREATION CENTERS**  
**FEBRUARY 2010**

**events**



**06 FEB**

**Big Bear Ski and Snowboard Trip**  
 0530 departure from the Mainside ITT parking lot. Everyone must ride the bus. \$40.00 per person includes transportation, lift ticket, optional 2 hour lesson and gear rental.

**07 FEB**

**SMP Rec Center Super Bowl Parties**  
 ALL SMP Rec Centers will be hosting a Super Bowl Bash starting at 1500 with the game on the big screen, free food, non-alcoholic drinks, prizes at each quarter a final score prediction contest.

**23 FEB**

**TEXAS HOLD'EM at the 33 SMP**  
 1730 Sign ins 1800 Tournament start. Free food and drinks for all participants, free shirts for the first 80 players

For all SMP trips, register at your local Recreation Center or at the SMP office. Open only to single Marines & Sailors.

21 AREA CAMP DEL MAR Bldg. 21704 • 760-725-2019	33 AREA CAMP MARGARITA Bldg. 33507 • 760-725-4988	43 AREA LAS PULGAS Bldg. 430314 • 760-725-5205	53 AREA CAMP HORNO Bldg. 53341 • 760-725-7857	62 AREA SAN MATEO Bldg. 62527 • 760-763-4354
<p>3 1800 Warrior Meditation class.</p> <p>7 1500 Super Bowl Bash Free event with free food, nonalcoholic drinks and prizes.</p> <p>10 1800 Warrior Meditation class.</p> <p>10 1730 Texas Hold'em Tournament* Free T-shirts for players. This is not part of the base wide tournament.</p> <p>13 1100 BBQ Free for the first 100 Single Service members.</p> <p>17 1800 Warrior Meditation class.</p> <p>24 1800 Warrior Meditation class.</p> <p>24 1800 New Movie Night-Premiere the newest 8mm movie added to the Rec Center and enjoy free snacks and drinks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Win MCCS Gift Certificates</p>	<p>2 1100-1300 3 Point Shoot-out event will be held at the 33 area Gym.</p> <p>7 1500 Super Bowl Bash Free event with free food, nonalcoholic drinks and prizes.</p> <p>9 1100-1300 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament event will be held at the 33 area Gym.</p> <p>23 1730 Base Wide Texas Hold'em Tournament Series* Free T-shirts for the first 80 players.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Win MCCS Gift Certificates</p>	<p>4 1330 Base Wide Monthly SMP Meeting</p> <p>7 1500 Super Bowl Bash Free event with free food, nonalcoholic drinks and prizes.</p> <p>14 1100-1400 Anti-Valentines Day Lunch. Hate this holiday? Come and have a free lunch with SMP, watch anti-relationship movies and participate in our kill cupid darts tournament.</p> <p>17 1800 Dinner and a Movie-Premiere the newest 8mm movie added to the Rec Center and enjoy a free dinner</p> <p>24 1730 New Video Game Tournament*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Win MCCS Gift Certificates</p>	<p>6 1900 Televised UFC Fight Free event with free snacks and nonalcoholic drinks.</p> <p>7 1500 Super Bowl Bash Free event with free food, nonalcoholic drinks and prizes.</p> <p>18 1100-1300 Pool Tournament*</p> <p>20 1900 Televised UFC Fight Free event with free snacks and nonalcoholic drinks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Win MCCS Gift Certificates</p>	<p>7 1500 Super Bowl Bash Free event with free food, nonalcoholic drinks and prizes.</p> <p>10 1730 Call of Duty 2: Modern Warfare Tournament*</p> <p>14 1100-1400 Anti-Valentines Day Lunch. Hate this holiday? Come and have a free lunch with SMP, watch anti-relationship movies and participate in our kill cupid darts tournament.</p> <p>17 1800 New Movie Night-Premiere the newest 8mm movie added to the Rec Center and enjoy free snacks and drinks.</p> <p>24 1730 Texas Hold'em Tournament* Free T-shirts for players. This is not part of the base wide tournament.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Win MCCS Gift Certificates</p>

**SMP TRIPS & SPECIAL EVENTS**  
760-725-6722

3 0530 Price is Right Trip\* Free-you must sign up and ride with SMP to attend. Civilian attire only, you must be on leave or special liberty to attend this event.

4 1330 Base Wide Monthly SMP Meeting at the 43 Area SMP Rec Center.

6 0530 Big Bear Ski and Snowboard Trip\* \$40 per person includes: transportation, lift ticket, 2-hour lesson and rental equipment.

\* Advanced sign up required-space is limited.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
760-725-6722

9 1600 Rancho Vista Retirement Home visit\* requested uniform of the day Charities.

25 0800-1600 Stepp Stables horse grooming\*

19 0600 Habitat For Humanity\* Civilian Attire, all day build project.

24 1600 Fairwinds Retirement Home visit\*

25 1600 Belmont Retirement Home visit\*

\* Advanced sign ups required-space is limited.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-1600  
Sat-Sun Closed

All recreation centers have free computers, wireless internet, pool tables, movies and video games. Most facilities have eateries for your convenience.



**FEBRUARY**

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